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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 28 September 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone (S/1999/1003)

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999) (S/1999/987)

Other matters

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, with a briefing by the Secretary-General on the state of Africa.

TWENTY-SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(27 and 28 September 1999)

Live Webcast of the debate in the plenary of the twenty-second session of the General Assembly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States is available at the General Assembly Web site at the following address: *http://www.un.org/ga/island*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-second special session

9 a.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: debate [8]:

His Excellency Mr. John Briceño, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment of Belize

His Excellency Mr. Abdul-Qader Ba-Jammal, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen

His Excellency Mr. Danny Wallace, TD, Minister of State at the Department of Environment and Local Government of Ireland

His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba

His Excellency Mr. Shunmugam Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore

Her Excellency Baroness Amos, Government Spokeswoman for International Development in the House of Lords of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

His Excellency The Right Honourable Donald McKinnon, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand

His Excellency Mr. Fritz Longchamp, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Haiti

His Excellency Mr. Souef Mohamed El-Amine, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Comoros

His Excellency Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan

His Excellency The Honourable Lakshman Kadirgamar, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka

His Excellency The Honourable Ralph Maraj, Minister for External Relations, Overseas Missions and Caribbean Community of Trinidad and Tobago

His Excellency Mr. Domingo Siazon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Philippines

His Excellency Mr. Jigmi Yoeser Thinley, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan

Her Excellency Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

His Excellency Mr. Franck Loy, Under-Secretary for Global Affairs of the United States of America

His Excellency Mr. Valentino Martelli, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy

His Excellency The Honourable Clement Leo, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Vanuatu

His Excellency Mr. Ricardo Castaneda-Cornejo, Chairman of the delegation of El Salvador

His Excellency Mr. Duminasa Shadrack Kumalo, Chairman of the delegation of South Africa

His Excellency Mr. Norman Pino, Chairman of the delegation of Venezuela

His Excellency Mr. Hans Linton, Chairman of the delegation of Sweden

His Excellency Mr. Volkan Vural, Chairman of the delegation of Turkey

His Excellency Mr. Amraiya Naidu, Chairman of the delegation of Fiji

His Excellency Mr. Hubert Wurth, Chairman of the delegation of Luxembourg

His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Samhan, Chairman of the delegation of the United Arab Emirates

His Excellency Mr. Alyaksandr Sychov, Chairman of the delegation of Belarus

His Excellency Mr. Bernd Niehaus, Chairman of the delegation of Costa Rica

3 p.m. 4th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly: report of the Credentials Committee (A/S-22/7) [3 (b)]

2. Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: debate [8]:

His Excellency Mr. Surin Pitsuwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand

Her Excellency The Honourable Janet Bostwick, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bahamas

Her Excellency Mrs. Lila Ratsifandriamanana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar

His Excellency The Honourable Thomas Motsoahe Thabane, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lesotho

His Excellency Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia

His Excellency Mr. Youssouf Ouédraogo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso

His Excellency Mr. Jacques Baudin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal

His Excellency Mr. Jan Pronk, Minister for Environment of the Netherlands

His Excellency The Honourable Jakaya Kikwete, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania

His Excellency Mr. Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh

His Excellency Mr. Tichoa Jokonya, Chairman of the delegation of Zimbabwe

His Excellency Mr. António Monteiro, Chairman of the delegation of Portugal

His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Snoussi, Chairman of the delegation of Morocco

Her Excellency Ms. Akmaral Arystanbekova, Chairman of the delegation of Kazakhstan

His Excellency Mr. Ion Gorita, Chairman of the delegation of Romania

His Excellency Mr. Fawzi Bin Abdul Majeed Shobokshi, Chairman of the delegation of Saudi Arabia

His Excellency Mr. Alfonso Ortega Urbina, Chairman of the delegation of Nicaragua

His Excellency Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Chairman of the delegation of Guatemala

His Excellency Mr. Alounkèo Kittikhoun, Chairman of the delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

His Excellency Mr. Naste Čalovski, Chairman of the delegation of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

His Excellency Mr. Alfonso Valdivieso, Chairman of the delegation of Colombia

His Excellency Mr. Hadj Nejad Hosseinian, Chairman of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran

His Excellency Mr. Baboucarr-Blaise Ismalia Jagne, Chairman of the delegation of the Gambia

7 p.m. 5th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: debate [8]:

His Excellency The Honourable Rajkeswur Purryag, Deputy Prime Minister of Mauritius

His Excellency Mr. José Pereira Batista, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Guinea-Bissau

His Excellency The Honourable Ismail Shafeeu, Minister of Home Affairs, Housing and Environment of Maldives

His Excellency Mr. Kataotika Tekee, Minister of Environment and Social Development of Kiribati

His Excellency Mr. Dore Gold, Chairman of the delegation of Israel

His Excellency Mr. Inocencio Arias, Chairman of the delegation of Spain

His Excellency Mr. Hasmy Agam, Chairman of the delegation of Malaysia

His Excellency Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis, Chairman of the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda

His Excellency Mr. Jacques Louis Boisson, Chairman of the delegation of Monaco

His Excellency Mr. Lee See-Young, Chairman of the delegation of the Republic of Korea

His Excellency Mr. Luigi Boselli, Chairman of the observer delegation of the European Community

His Excellency Archbishop Renato Raffaele Martino, Chairman of the observer delegation of the Holy See

His Excellency Mr. José Antonio Linati-Bosch, Chairman of the observer delegation of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta

United States Virgin Islands

Guam

His Excellency Chief Emaka Anyaoku, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Commonwealth Secretariat

His Excellency Mr. Noel Levi, Secretary-General of the South Pacific Forum

American Samoa

His Excellency Mr. Simón Molina Duarte, Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States

His Excellency Mr. Edwin Carrington, Chairman of the observer delegation of the Caribbean Community

Anguilla

2. Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-second Special Session* [8]

   Adoption of final documents [9]

3. Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]

4. Closure of the twenty-second special session

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* To be issued in the course of the day.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

10 a.m.
1 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/S-22/2 and Add.1)

2. Election of officers

3. Adoption of the draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole (A/S-22/AC.1/L.1)

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The speakers in the general debate are reminded that the General Assembly, in paragraph 21 of the annex to resolution 51/241, has indicated a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement in the general debate.

In line with several strong appeals by the President of the General Assembly, speakers are kindly requested to make an extra effort in observing this 20-minute voluntary guideline for the general debate so that the list of speakers for each day shall be completed in a timely manner.

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly is available at the General Assembly Web site at the following address:

http://www.un.org/ga/22special/ga54/IndexE.htm

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly (20-25 September and 29 September-2 October 1999) is now available in room S-2925 (General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative). The list of speakers is also available on the Internet at the following address: *http://www. un.org/ga/54/list54.htm*. Any queries concerning the list of speakers should be addressed to the Division (Mrs. Nicolle Matias-Veyne (tel.: (212) 963-5063)).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Meeting with Mr. Toshiyuki Niwa, Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Central Support Services
2. Draft report

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for members of permanent missions will not be held until Friday, 1 October. The briefings will resume on Monday, 4 October 1999, at 12.30 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 28 September 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the organization of work of the Second Committee)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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There will be a ministerial meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) *today*, 28 September 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Side events

In connection with the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, a side event, organized by the Permanent Missions of Papua New Guinea and Japan, on "The Impact of Natural Disasters on Small Island Developing States (focusing on tsunami)" will take place *today*, 28 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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In connection with the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, a two-part side event, organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will take place *today*, 28 September 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The first part will be the launch of a series of *Island Environment Outlook* reports, dealing with the Caribbean, Western Indian Ocean and South Pacific. Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of UNEP, will be among the speakers. The second part will be the formal launch of the Clearing House Mechanism of the Global Programme of Action on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-base Activities. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special meeting

There will be a donors' meeting, organized by the United Nations Development Programme with the small island developing States, *today*, 28 September 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be an informal meeting of troop contributors to the United Nations Observer Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) *today*, 28 September 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 September 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 29 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 16th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa

Address by His Excellency Dr. Mahatir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia

Australia

Israel

Bahrain

Chad

Bhutan

3 p.m. 17th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Malam Bacai Sanha, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Jamaica

Poland

New Zealand

Tunisia

Armenia

Ethiopia

Gabon

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Lithuania

Antigua and Barbuda

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will begin its general debate on all disarmament and international security items from 11 to 20 October 1999. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the Secretariat of the First Committee (room S-2977B; tel.: (212) 963-0049; fax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/54/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 4 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/54/L.1. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/54/1) will be open for inscription on Wednesday, 29 September, at 3 p.m.

Panel of experts

There will be a panel of experts to discuss the issue of "Globalization and National Economic Governance" on Thursday, 30 September 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (conference room to be announced). The panel will be composed by Sir Ralph Willis, former Minister of the Australian Government, Professor Aseem Prakash of the George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and Professor George N. Von Tunzelman of the University of Sussex, United Kingdom. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/54/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Wednesday, 6 October 1999, at 10 a.m., with agenda item 106 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963- 5935).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 4 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the following items on its agenda: Organization of work (A/C.5/54/1, A/C.5/54/L.1 and A/C.5/54/L.2*); Item 129 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: Report of the Secretary-General on the findings, observations and recommendations contained in the report made by the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the procurement process in the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (A/53/1018 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*)); Item 130 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission : Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off (A/53/1023 and the related report of Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*)).

Following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting, the Committee will hold informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/C.5/52/46, A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/53/692)).

At 3 p.m., the Committee will consider agenda item 169 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (A/54/380* and the related report of Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions*), following which informal consultations on item 169 will be held.

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers on all the items before the Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to do so with the Office of the Secretary of the Fifth Committee (tel.: (212) 963-0542; fax: (212) 963-0360).

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The Under-Secretary-General for Management will make a statement to the Fifth Committee on item 122 (Improving the financial situation of the United Nations) on Tuesday, 5 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

The Secretary-General will address the Committee on that occasion.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session

There will be a meeting of the Economic and Social Council on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, specifically with regard to the question of the consultative status of Christian Solidarity International (E/1999/109 and Add.1), as well as other matters ready for action by the Council.

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The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) (Part I) will be held at Headquarters on 1, 2 and 4 October 1999 in Conference Room 6.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 October 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will give a briefing on the programme of work of the Commission on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the United Nations Reform and Security Council Expansion *(at the ministerial level)* of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Ministerial meeting

The Ninth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries will be held on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Mike Moore, Director-General of the World Trade Organization, Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Mr. Zéphirin Diabre, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations, and Mr. Sarwar Lateef, Senior Advisor, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank.

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Briefings

The New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will hold a briefing on the *Trade and Development Report 1999* on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, at 12 noon in Conference Room 6. Mr. Yilmaz Akyuz, Chief Macroeconomist, UNCTAD, will be the main speaker. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Executive Secretaries of the five regional commissions will hold an informal briefing, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, on "The Role and Activities of the Regional Commissions in the Regional Preparations for the Conference of the World Trade Organization in Seattle (United States) in November". The briefing will be held on Wednesday, 29 September 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing for delegates of the Second and Third Committees by the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Ms. Yakin Ertürk, on Tuesday, 5 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1, on agenda items 99 (c) (Women in development), 109 (Advancement of women) and 110 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU), in cooperation with the World Conservation Union (IUCN), are organizing the second session in the UNU/UNITAR Series, entitled "Workshop on International Environmental Law". Session II will be conducted in English on Thursday, 30 September, and on Friday, 1 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the United Nations Church Center (777 United Nations Plaza, 7th Floor).

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The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Is Poverty Engendered?", organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Friday, 1 October 1999, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2127 (DC2 Building). The seminar will be conducted by Ms. Shahra Razavi of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Hartl (tel.: (212) 963-3140) or Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: (212) 963-4742).

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Panel discussion

On the occasion of the two-day plenary of the General Assembly devoted to the International Year of Older Persons, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations and HelpAge International will hold a panel discussion on the topic "Beyond 1999 - Poverty, Independence and the World's Older People" on Tuesday, 5 October 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, H.E. Mrs. Julia Tavarez de Alvarez, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic, and Ms. Flora MacDonald, Chair of HelpAge International and former Canadian Minister for External Affairs, will be the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special meeting

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's Special Representative to the United Nations, will hold a debriefing following the September 1999 Interim Committee meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The meeting will be conducted in English on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 30 September 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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CONFERENCE ON FACILITATING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY (CTBT)

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) will be convened from 6 to 8 October 1999, at the Redoutensaele in the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria. The opening plenary meeting will take place on Wednesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

The Conference is convened by the Secretary-General in his capacity as Depositary of the CTBT, pursuant to Article XIV, paragraph 2, of the Treaty. In addition to the ratifiers and signatory States of the CTBT, the Conference is open to non-signatory States to attend. International organizations and non-governmental organizations will be able to attend as well. The provisional agenda and the draft rules of procedure were issued as documents CTBT-Art.XIV/1999/1 and 2. A background paper by the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission was issued as document CTBT-Art. XIV/1999/3. Copies of these documents are available in the Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140).

The list of speakers for the general exchange of views of ratifiers and signatories on facilitating the entry into force of the Treaty will be open *today*, 28 September 1999. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Mr. Shirchinjan Yumjat at the Secretariat of the Conference, Vienna International Centre (Austria) (room E0717; tel.: (431) 26030-6124; fax: (431) 26030-5953).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Saturday, 25 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

15th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Petar Stoyanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria

H.E. Mr. Petar Stoyanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Francisco Guillermo Flores Pérez, President of the Republic of El Salvador

H.E. Mr. Francisco Guillermo Flores Pérez, President of the Republic of El Salvador, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. Mr. Rinchinnyamyn Amarjargal, Prime Minister of Mongolia, addressed the General Assembly.

H.E. Mr. Carlos Veiga, Prime Minister of Cape Verde, addressed the General Assembly.

The Assembly heard statements by H.E. Dr. Mate Granić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Nguyen Mahn Cam, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; H.E. The Honourable Bonaya Adhi Godana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kenya; H.E. Mr. David Andrews, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland; H.E. Mr. Antoine Kolawolé Idji, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Benin; and H.E. The Honourable Alfred Mubunda, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Uganda.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the Sudan.

Monday, 27 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-second special session

1st and 2nd plenary meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st and 2nd plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/186).

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

1st meeting

Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [8]

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary read out a correction to the text of the draft Declaration contained in document A/S-22/2/Add.1.

Following statements by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the Marshall Islands, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the raft Declaration, as orally corrected and revised, and the state of progress and initiatives for the future implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States as contained in document A/S-22/2/Add.1, as orally revised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of a letter and the annex thereto contained in document A/22-2/6, and to transmit them to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session for further consideration by the Second Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Barbados, Haiti, Mexico, the United States, Canada, the Marshall Islands, Cuba, Saint Lucia and Australia.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifth-fourth session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of the Bureau

The Committee elected Mr. Andrés Franco (Colombia), Ms. Victoria Hallum (New Zealand) and Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura (Japan) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Joško Klisović (Croatia) as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/54/L.1.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 51/210 and 53/108, the Committee reestablished a Working Group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by resolution 51/210 and elected H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada) to chair this Working Group and decided that the Working Group, like the Ad Hoc Committee, would be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/157, the Committee decided to reestablish the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law. Mrs. Socorro Flores Liera (Mexico) was elected as Chairperson of the Working Group.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/98, the Committee set up an open-ended working group of the Sixth Committee to consider outstanding substantive issues related to the draft articles on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property adopted by the International Law Commission. Professor Gerard Hafner (Austria) was elected as Chairman of the Working Group.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of Finland, Tunisia and Colombia spoke.

The Secretary also spoke.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
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568th and 569th meetings

Consideration of reports by States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Mexico (CRC/C/65/Add.6).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pass and Identification Office

The Pass and Identification Office will be open *today*, 28 September, from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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International Day of Older Persons
(1 October)

Within the framework of the 1999 International Year of Older Persons, the Ninth Annual Commemoration of the International Day will take place on Thursday, 30 September 1999, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Further information can be obtained at the following telephone numbers: (212) 963-8104, 963-1285 or 963-1361.

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World Habitat Day, 1999

On the occasion of the World Habitat Day, 1999, the New York Office of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) will hold a panel discussion on the theme "Cities for All" on Monday, 4 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

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